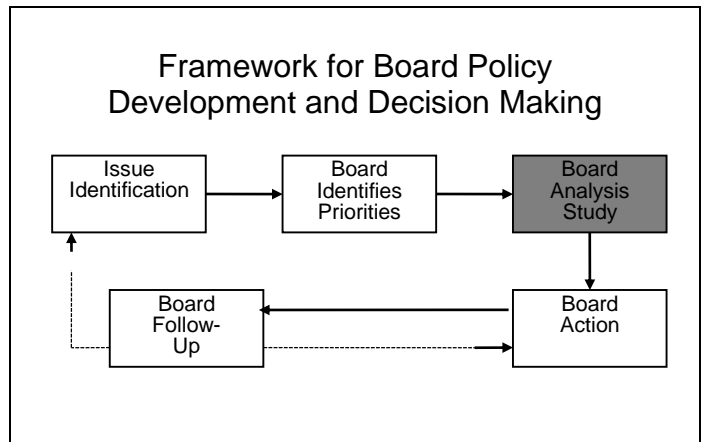


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

March 26, 2015



Agenda Item:	Introduction - 2015 Iowa Teacher of the Year
Iowa Goal:	All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.
State Board Role/Authority	In addition to statutory responsibilities, the State Board provides leadership and advocacy for the system of education in Iowa. Learning from the Teacher of the Year is one way the State Board fulfills this leadership role.
Presenter:	Isbelia Arzola, Consultant Bureau of Educator Quality
Attachments:	None
Recommendation:	It is recommended that the State Board meet and acknowledge Clemencia Spizzirri, the Iowa Teacher of the Year, and engage in discussion of how she can serve through her role as Ambassador of Education to meet the goals of the State Board.
Background:	The Iowa Teacher of the Year Award was established in 1958 and is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Education through an appropriation from the Iowa Legislature. The award provides an opportunity to recognize an Iowa teacher who motivates, challenges, and inspires excellence; who is respected by students and peers; who is a dedicated professional that helps nurture hidden talents and abilities; who is a creative, caring individual; who takes teaching beyond textbooks and blackboards; and who is an exceptional teacher helping to redefine American education. The Iowa Teacher of the Year will serve in the role of Ambassador to Education.